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## ABSTRACT:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a fingerprint lock which can pick up an image of a fingerprint of a person to enter a room in a short time through a series of operations.

SOLUTION: The fingerprint lock is provided with a detecting window 11 on which a fingertip of the person to enter the room is mounted, and a cover is

set for covering the detecting window 11. Further, a cover switch 19 for detecting whether the cover 13 is opened or closed, is provided for the cover

- 13. When the person to enter the room opens the cover 13 and the cover switch
- 19 is turned on, a power source of a fingerprint sensor 15 is turned on in response to a signal from the cover switch 19. A camera for picking up the image of the fingerprint is warmed up in about a few seconds, and therefore when the cover 13 is opened to mount the fingertip on the detection window 11,

the warming-up of the camera 14 has been completed. As a result, the image pickup of the fingerprint by the camera 14 takes place in an instant.

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